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SUBJ: WEIZMAN ON PROSPECTS FOR RESPONSES TO US QUESTIONS
CONCERNING PEACE PROCESS

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1. DURING A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS AFTERNOON, JUNE 9,
EZER WEIZMAN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE EXPECTED THE OUTCOME
OF THE CABINET MEETING ON MONDAY TO PRODUCE POSITIVE
RESPONSES TO OUR QUESTIONS. HE THEN WENT ON TO ASK:
"DO I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY; IF WE ANSWER THE TWO QUESTIONS
IN WAYS WHICH ARE SATISFACTORY TO THE U.S. THAT SADAT WILL
AGREE TO GO INTO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN WITH US?"

2. I RESPONDED THAT NO ONE COULD EVER BE TOTALLY
CERTAIN ABOUT THESE THINGS. HOWEVER, SECRETARY VANCE
AND ROY ATHERTON BOTH WERE CONVINCED THAT POSITIVE
ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS WOULD GIVE US A VERY GOOD
CHANCE OF PERSUADING SADAT TO RECOMMENCE DIRECT CONTACTS
WITH THE ISRAELIS. AND, I WENT ON, SECRETARY HAS MADE
CLEAR HE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONVINCE SADAT TO
DO SO IF THE ANSWERS ARE SATISFACTORY TO US. WEIZMAN

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SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD, AND AGAIN SAID HE WOULD WORK
IN THE CABINET TO OBTAIN SUCH ANSWERS.
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